

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

U.S. Patent 5,181,932 ("Phillips '932) discloses a prosthetic foot with an ankle portion demountably and interchangeably connected thereto. Ankle section 14 connects a foot portion 12 with a pylon 30 and provides a flexible support for the foot portion portion allowing fore and aft rotational motion of the portion relative to the pylon. While the Phillips '932 prosthetic foot was relatively simple to manufacture, the ankle limited movement of the foot to rotational movement in only one plane.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 12B is a cross-sectional view of the foot of Figure [[11A]] 12A.

Please add the following amended paragraph after the paragraph starting on page 6, line 7, with:

Figure 13 is a side view of the foot of Figure 12A showing alternative features.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 11A shows an alternative embodiment of the buffers 40 and 42 of Figure 3. The buffers 140 and 142 can be constructed to have perforations 147 and 149 laterally formed therethrough, respectively. See also Figure 13. By placing the perforations 147 and 149 in the buffers 140 and 142, the compressibility of the buffers 140 and 142 is changed. In another embodiment, the buffers 140 and 142 can be constructed to have perforations longitudinally formed therethrough, respectively, as shown in Figure 13. In yet another embodiment, the each of the buffers 140 and 142 can be constructed to have two perforations, one laterally formed therethrough and the other longitudinally formed therethrough.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 12, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Figure 7, there ~~shown~~ is shown an alternative embodiment of the prosthetic foot 310 in accordance with the present invention. The prosthetic ~~Foot~~ foot 310 is similar to the prosthetic foot 10 shown in Figure 1, with addition of heel member 326 and heel buffer 328. The heel buffer 328 can be positioned between the heel member 326 and the lower member 320. The heel buffer 328 may not fully occupy the space between the lower member 320 and the heel member 326. Further, the heel buffer 328 may not extend anteriorly to the end of the heel member 326, as shown in Figure 13. This configuration is designed to return even more energy to the walk cycle of the wearer. The heel member 326 can be of the same material as the lower member 320. The buffer 328 can be of polyurethane, rubber, or other deformable material. In one embodiment, the heel buffer 328 can be bonded to the heel member 326 and the lower member 320.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 14, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition, the upper member 530 can have a different shape. In anterior section 531 of the illustrated embodiment, the upper member 530 can slope from planar top section 533 to anterior end section 537. Anterior bottom section 538 and posterior bottom section 539 can be planar. The first buffer 540 can have a generally planar top surface 543 and a sloped bottom surface 545. The bottom surface 549 of the second buffer 542 and a substantial portion of the top surface 547 of the second buffer 542 can be generally planer planar.